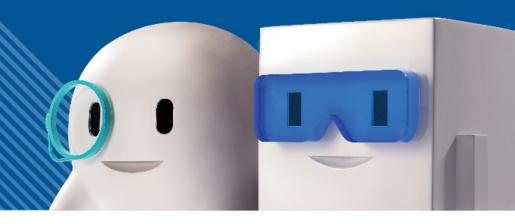




# Reinforcing Security Protection for Websites

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# Motives of hacking your website

Your website has	Criminals can get	
Powerful CPU and bandwidth (you got a server!)	Use your power → DDoS attack others	
24 x 7 service	24 x 7 phishing/malware hosted in your site	
Visitors	Put malware in your site to infect your visitors	





# **Business impacts of hacked website**

- Blacklist → interrupt your communication
  - Examples: Google, anti-virus, firewall, mail server
- Reputation 

  trust of your products/services
- Possible regulatory/legal consequences
  - Authority investigation (e.g. PCPD)
  - Law enforcement investigation
  - Class action lawsuit





# Secure website?

- Secure HTTP connection (HTTPS)

  Between you and your clients
- Secure web server
   Secure web application
   Your facilities

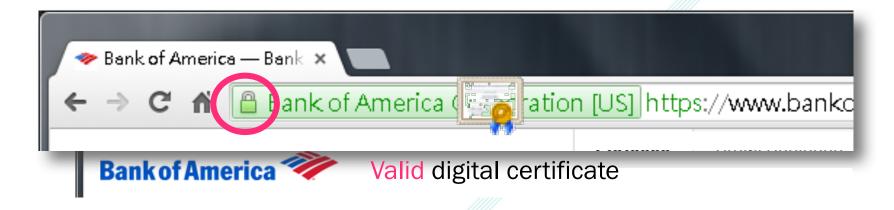




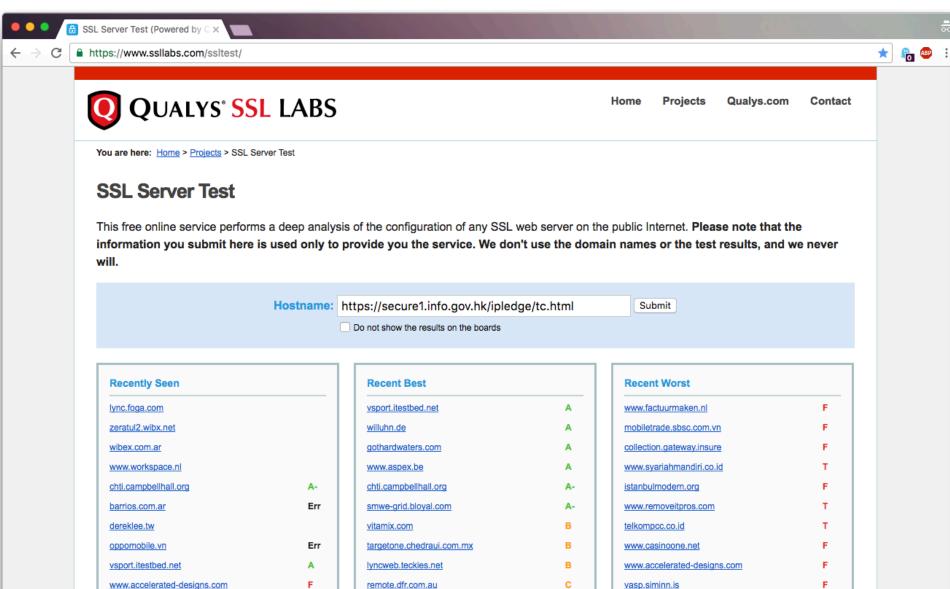
## **Secure HTTP connection**

→ SSL or HTTPS (安全通訊協定) is 'secure'

encrypt your data + AUTHENTIC WEBSITE BY THAT COMPANY







SSL Report v1.24.0



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https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/analyze.html?d=secure1.info.gov.hk

#### SSL Report: secure1.info.gov.hk

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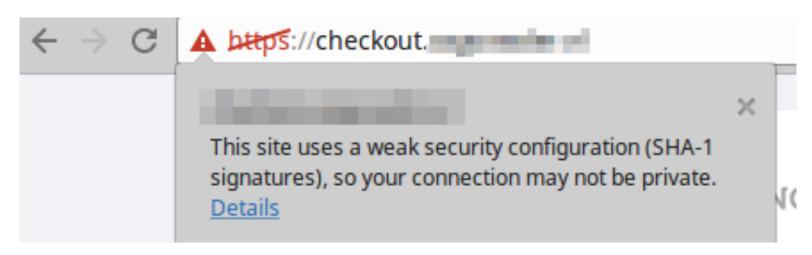
#### Scan Another >>

	Server	Test time	Grade
1	2600:1406:1a:39b:0:0:264a Ready	Wed, 19 Oct 2016 04:18:36 UTC Duration: 67.353 sec	A
2	2600:1406:1a:393:0:0:264a Ready	Wed, 19 Oct 2016 04:19:44 UTC Duration: 65.664 sec	A
3	23.75.38.236 a23-75-38-236.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com Ready	Wed, 19 Oct 2016 04:20:49 UTC Duration: 66.984 sec	A

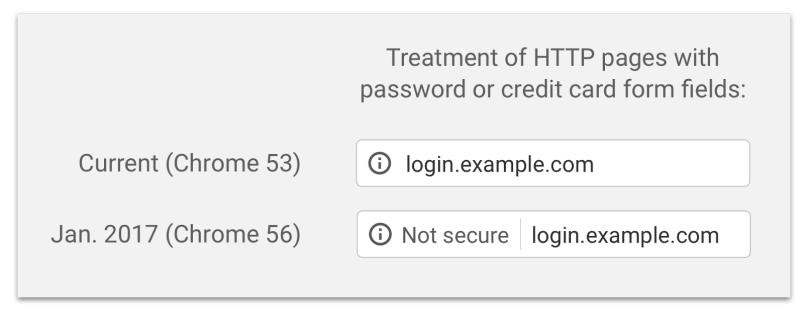
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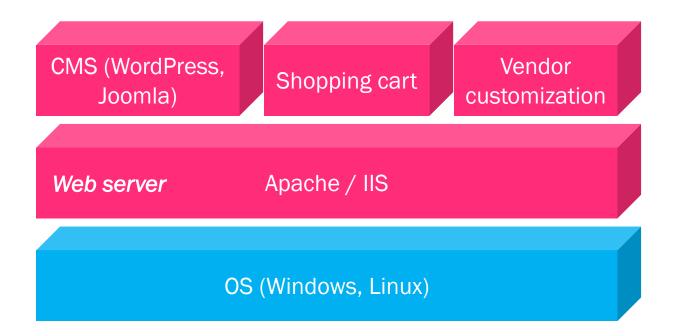
- Secure HTTP connection (HTTPS)

  Between you and your clients
- Secure web server (e.g. Apache, IIS)
   Secure web application (e.g. CMS, shopping cart)
   Your facilities



# Vulnerability Scanning

- Misconfiguration / Vulnerability management
- Weak authentication / access control / encryption
- Weak input validation



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Thousands of retailers have been hit by credit card detail stealing malware. They way the hackers got in? unpatched software flaws.

Over 5,900 e-commerce sites contain malware that steals victim's credit card details, according to a security researcher.

The malicious code has been placed on 5,925 compromised sites by hackers, according to Dutch security analyst Willem De Groot.

He said that hackers gained access to a store's source code using various unpatched software flaws.



The skimmed credit cards are then sold on the dark web for the going rate of US\$30 (£24.59) per card. Online skimming is a new form of card fraud and the first case was reported in November 2015.

At the time, De Groot scanned over 250,000 stores and found 3501 stores to be skimmed. Ten months later that figure rose to 5,925. The victims vary from car makers, to fashion shops, pop starts to non-governmenta organisations, such as the Science Museum.

He added that some stores had been skimming victims' details for months without being noticed.

#### Several online stores in Hong Kong vulnerable to credit card fraud

Release Date: 18 / 10 / 2016 Last Update: 18 / 10 / 2016

HKCERT is aware that a security researcher has recently disclosed a study: 5900 online stores found skimming (read it here). The study described technique used by cybercriminals to intercept payment data on vulnerable websites. In the study, a list of about 5,900 online stores vulnerable to 'online skimming' was disclosed (read it here). Some shops with .hk domain or hosted in Hong Kong are on

From the researcher article, cybercriminal can breach unpatched or outdated eCommerce application on websites, and put a 'wiretap' in the application to intercept the payment data.

Here are the potential impacts from the above disclosure:

- Cybercriminals can make use of the list to breach vulnerable websites to perform actual credit card frauds.
- · Shop owners and customers in Hong Kong may experience financial loss. For shop owners, it can also affect their business reputation, and may even lead to authority investigation and lawsuit.
- · Online shopping is a global business activity. Customers in Hong Kong may also experience financial loss regardless of the online shop location.

Here are some advices from HKCERT on the above issue:

#### As shop owner:

- HKCERT will try to contact the affected shops with .hk domain or hosted in Hong Kong. If you received such notification, please do not ignore it. Contact us for any inquiries.
- . You are advised to check whether your site is on list and take appropriate action to fix any vulnerability. Here are some guides for fixing:

https://www.magereport.com/

https://support.hypernode.com/knowledgebase/recover-a-hacked-magento-shop/

http://support.hypernode.com/knowledgebase/how-to-fix-credit-card-hijack/

https://www.byte.nl/blog/widespread-credit-card-hijacking-discovered

- . Even your shop is not on list, you are also advised to perform regular 'health check' on your website. You can refer to our list (read it here) on tools and references for 'health check'.
- . If you website involved vendor customization, check with your vendor on the above 'online skimming' issue.



# Hack your website

- 'Vulnerable website' can mean:
  - web server (e.g. Linux + Apache, Windows + IIS), or/and
  - web app (e.g. Joomla, WordPress) is/are vulnerable
- Reasons for web server/app vulnerable:
  - No regular patch/update.
  - Outdated version.
  - Use vulnerable plugins.
  - Misconfiguration (e.g. too much privilege)
  - Web form input (e.g. contact us) implemented by developer/vendor → not enough input validation





### SME Free Web Security Health Check Pilot Scheme

- Promote the best practice of "Check-Act-Verify" approach for website security health check to SME.
- Prerequisites:
  - You must has a website!
  - Willing to allocate resources for follow-up.
  - Apply: submit documents, arrange schedule







### SME Free Web Security Health Check Pilot Scheme

- 35 companies joined, 30 completed health check
- First and second round of scanning completed, with scan results presented in report:
  - Website vulnerability severity levels
  - Classify vulnerabilities into 6 types
  - Business impacts
  - Titles of vulnerabilities found
  - Remediation advice for technical staff to fix problems
- Final report on overall result will be published.



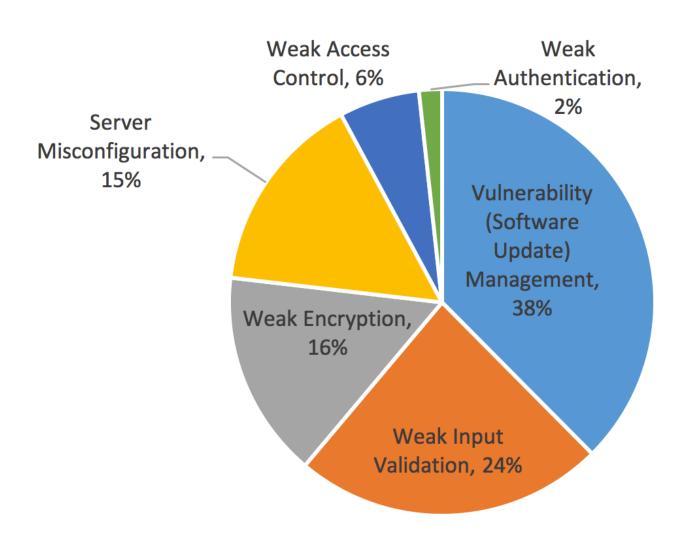
### **Distribution of Industry in Participants**

Industry	Count	% of total 26
Manufacturing	5	19%
Wholesale / Retail	5	19%
Import / Export Trades	3	12%
Information Technology	3	12%
Legal / Accounting / Marketing / Business Service / Consultancy	2	8%
Others	2	8%
Personal Beauty / Fitness	2	8%
Banking / Finance / Insurance / Securities	1	4%
Community & Social Services	1	4%
Construction / Architecture / Decoration	1	4%
Media / Publication	1	4%

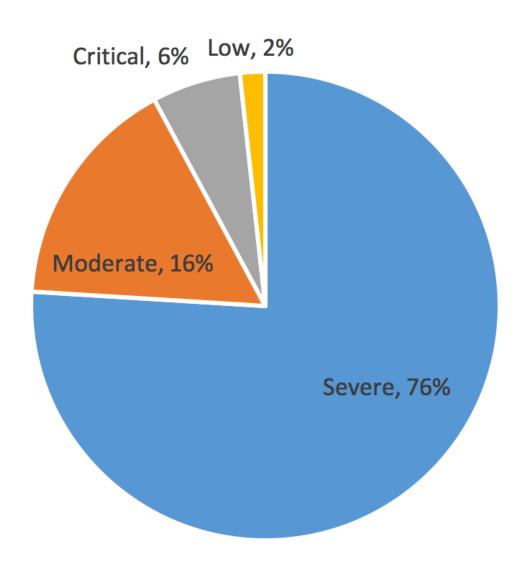
### **Business Values of Your Website**

Business value of website (can select more than 1)		% of total 26
Showcase goods/services/work	21	81%
Customer can use service via website	13	50%
Provide online purchase	9	35%
Save time and cost	9	35%
Retain customer loyalty	7	27%
Global customers access 24/7	7	27%

### **Distribution of Vulnerability Classification**



### **Distribution of Vulnerability Severity Levels**



### **Industry vs Number of Vulnerabilities**

Industry	Count	# companies	Average
Wholesale / Retail	59	5	11.8
Manufacturing	35	5	7.0
Import / Export Trades	16	3	5.3
Legal / Accounting / Marketing / Business Service / Consultancy	15	2	7.5
Information Technology	13	3	4.3
Community & Social Services	10	1	10.0
Construction / Architecture / Decoration	10	1	10.0
Others	8	2	4.0
Personal Beauty / Fitness	7	2	3.5
Banking / Finance / Insurance / Securities	3	1	3.0
Media / Publication	1	1	1.0

### **Online Transaction vs Vulnerabilities**

Classification of vulnerabilities	Provide online transaction (9)		No online transaction (17)	
Classification of vullerabilities	Total	Average	Total	Average
Vulnerability (Software Update) Management	75	8.3	11	0.6
Weak Input Validation	40	4.4	14	0.8
Server Misconfiguration	18	2.0	17	1.0
Weak Encryption	14	1.6	22	1.3
Weak Access Control	12	1.3	2	0.1
Weak Authentication	2	0.2	2	0.1

# **Comparison with the 1st scanning**

Comparison with the 1st round	Count	% of total 26
Not participated in 2nd scan	2	8%
No vulnerabilities fixed	13	50%
Fixed some of vulnerabilities	7	27%
Fixed all vulnerabilities	4	15%



# Improve and maintain security

- Assessment:
  - Scan website regularly, and follow up with the advice.
  - Assessed by credited criteria, e.g. OWASP Top 10, PCI DSS.
- Infrastructure:
  - Check that hosting company guaranteed secure features, e.g. regular patch, secure WordPress/Joomla, shopping cart etc.
  - Web application firewall (not to confuse with network firewall)
  - Consider cloud services.
- Detection:
  - Google Webmasters tools (developers.google.com/webmasters/hacked)
  - Check blacklist yourself, e.g. <u>mxtoolbox.com/blacklists.aspx</u>





# Improve and maintain security

- User
  - Security protection of user workstations and devices (also at home).
- Website
  - Regular patch, update, vulerability scanning of web app/server.
  - Web app specific (e.g. CMS, eCommerce) security checking.
  - Regular offline backup.
- Prepare for emergency
  - Business contingency plan.
  - Drill for website down/breached.
  - Provide reachable contact on website/WHOIS so that organizations like HKCERT can contact you if your site was found hacked.
- If your website does not function any more, remove it completely (note: you may need to keep the domain).

